GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4312
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IMPORT OF PULSES
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to stop the indiscriminate import of pulses;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Union Government are also taking steps to increase the export of pulses; and

(d) if so, the proposal mooted in this regard for the 2002-2003 financial year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): The gap in demand and supply of pulses only is met by imports, and imports are resorted to match such requirements. The imports of pulses during 2001-2002 were higher compared to previous years due to substantial decline in the indigenous production during 2000-2001.

(c) & (d): Exports of pulses are allowed without any restrictions. The package restriction on export of pulses in consumer packs up to 5 kg has been removed from March 5, 2002, and thus exports can freely take place during the current year.